King Report Blasted As a 'Whitewash'

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Memphis, Tenn. — (UPI) — James Earl Ray's former attorney says a Justice Department investigation indicating Ray acted alone in assassinating Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is "a whitewash" and "a cover-up."

"From the moment the shot was fired there's been a cover-up," said Robert Livingston, Ray's former attorney.

"It's a whitewash," he said. "I don't really feel the truth is ever going to be known."

The Justice Department released a report saying it had found no evidence of "any connection between any alleged conspirator (s) and James Earl Ray — including those alleged by Ray himself."

The report developed by the Justice Department's "Martin Luther King Task Force" found that during Ray's imprisonment at Missouri State Prison he told inmates he "hated negroes." It said he vowed on several occasions to kill Dr. King "if the price was right."